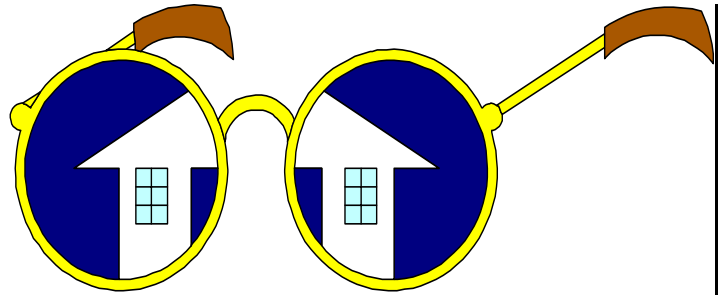


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Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Terri's Tidbits

??? Any Changes ???

GAIN 2002 Kick-Off was held September 26th, at E.V.I.T. In attendance were over 300 Neighborhood Watch captains, assistants, VIPs, and Police staff, representing over 100 Neighborhood Watch groups. This year the focus was on the neighborhood and its residents. With that in mind, we conducted a raffle to provide actual parties for 21 GAIN events. We furnished tableware, decorations, games and prizes, plus giveaway items. Even our Kick-Off giveaway items were items that could be handed out on GAIN, such



as 40 stadium cups or 40 memo boards. In other words, we provided the party and all the Neighborhood Watch groups had to furnish was the food and the people.

Superstition District had 6 winners of parties:

- 7900 E. Meseto—Patriotic Party
- 7000 E. Keats— Winter Wonderland Party
- 700 S. Claiborne— Western Party
- 9600 E. Irwin— Winter Wonderland Party
- 7200 E. Madero— Luau Party
- 6600 E. Fox— Sports Party

Congratulations party winners! There will be photos available at the Captain's meeting in December.

Now is the time to make any changes in your Neighborhood Watch information. **Make sure to add your spouse as your co-captain or assistant!!**

Captains, there are copies of the Motorized Skateboard Laws, an updated telephone numbers page for your manual, donation letters, two generic invitation pages and, as always, attendance sheets. I will have copies of these pages at the December Captain's meeting.

Call me at 644-3692 to make any changes or to request copies of the updated and new pages.



December Captain's meeting will be an open house and food drive event on Thursday, December 5th, from 6:30-8:30pm, at the Superstition substation community room. Please bring non-perishable food or can items. We will select a charity that night by ballot. Commander Driscoll and her staff will be conducting tours of the station, which is shared by both Police and Fire. Please come join us, visit with your CAT and Bike officers and participate in another event idea that you could try in your neighborhood.



Important Telephone Numbers



Terri Teten 644-3692
Superstition Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Emergency or Crime in Progress 911

Community Relations Unit..... 480-644-2300
Community Relations FAX..... 480-644-2800
Police Non-Emergency..... 480-644-2211
Silent Witness..... 1-800-343-TIPS
Narcotics Hotline (602)644-5081
Graffiti Hotline..... 480-644-3083
Gang Hotline..... 480-644-4264
Fraud Alert Hotline..... 480-644-2345

3rd Quarter New Neighborhood Watch Groups

1. 6500 E. Indigo—M. Shimkus
2. 9400 E. Plata – R. Reisner
3. 1300 N. 86th Pl. – S. Burgett, C. Schultz
4. 11200-11300 E. Elena – T. Beck, S. Weichman
5. 7600 E. Impala – R. Walquist
6. 900-1000 W. Wildrose – K. Giannino, C. Eager

CHILD SAFETY NEWS !!!



The Crime Prevention Unit is always looking for new ways to help parents protect their children. Here are two programs you should know about.

“BE ALERT”

The Mesa Police Crime Prevention Unit has developed a child safety program entitled “BE ALERT” to provide safety and prevention information to children.

The “Be Alert” program covers a variety of topics including child abduction and helmet safety, 911 education, truthfulness, making good decisions, team building and self-esteem. The program is effective because it is presented to the children at their level, the messages are short and to the point, and the messages are repeated numerous times throughout the presentation. Magic, puppets and props are used in a simple, yet effective, method of teaching the importance of safety and well-being. The lessons are designed to heighten awareness of the issues, teach strategies to avoid harm and reinforce what has been learned in a fun, interactive and creative way.



The age group for this program is kindergarten through the fourth grades (ages 5-11). A minimum number of children (no less than 20) makes the program more effective and is required to make the activities interactive.

Anyone interested or if you have questions about the child safety program, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Jerry Quarles at (480) 644-2539.

“IDENT-A-KID SERVICES”



The second program is a private program sponsored by Ident-a-Kid Services of America. This program goes into the schools and day care facilities. The service includes a photograph and a physical description of the child, plus the child's thumbprint that they place on a special card for the parents to keep in a safe place. There is a fee for their services: \$5.00 per card, \$8.00 for two cards or \$10.00 for four cards.

You may call 480-917-8151 to schedule an appointment or find out the locations of upcoming events where you may take advantage of their services.

G.A.I.N. 2002



G.A.I.N. 2002 had all the makings of being a banner event. Then the unexpected, unplanned and unthinkable happened. First, we unexpectedly lost over 60 specialty units due to other events occurring in the western part of the city that had priority. Those events kept the specialty units in the Central and Dobson districts rather than Superstition, as they were “on call.” Scheduling the party visits became more difficult for Lindy (our GAIN coordinator) as unplanned changes to the “on call” list had her scrambling to make last minute changes. Then the unthinkable happened. It rained! It hailed!

Out of approximately 240 parties we received notification from about 10% that they had cancelled their parties due to the inclement weather. We did not find out others had cancelled until we arrived to either take pictures or the specialty unit could not find anyone around. Other parties changed their hours without letting us know. However, there were still parties that moved out of the streets or parks into the closest garage or they waited out the wind, rain and hail to set up afterward.

Out in the Superstition District, all of the neighborhoods that had won the theme parties went right ahead with their events. I was out with my camera to document the parties and to see how many neighbors were brave enough to come out in spite of the weather and found many brave souls and terrific food!

The GAIN event at Riverstone had over 300 give-away items that they had received as door prizes at the GAIN Kick Off and had collected from area businesses. The Winter Wonderland party that they had won fit right in with the weather.

The Patriotic party at Sunland Village East made for quite a houseful when they had to take shelter. We found tables set up in the living room, dining room, family room and even one in the garage. Crowded as it was they were all having a great time visiting.

We later found out that there were parties that were missed by our specialty units. We want you to know that every party had at least one unit scheduled to visit their party, but due to the inclement weather conditions and other situations interrupting the schedules, the units were unable to complete their scheduled visits.



By Commander Sandy Driscoll

Hello everyone!

I hope you are enjoying our lovely weather as much as I am. The evenings are actually getting a little chilly. When the weather starts to get nice we start opening our windows and doors. Remember before you leave your house, or go to bed for the evening, check all of your doors and windows and **make sure they are closed and locked**. It is so easy to forget about a window opened a few hours earlier, so make it a habit to check all of them every night!

Well, GAIN Kickoff and GAIN 2002 are behind us now. GAIN Kickoff was a very nice event. My thanks to all of you who attended and cheered for the Superstition District when you were introduced. We had six block captains from our district win parties.

GAIN 2002 was another stormy day. It reminded me of the big storm we had on GAIN a few years ago. Fortunately the rain stopped late in the afternoon and a lot of you were able to have your parties. I was able to make a few parties but unfortunately there was another "event" happening in Mesa that evening that took a lot of the police department's resources. For those of you that did not know the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club had a huge party in Mesa the same night. They were expecting and in fact had over 300 people at their party. The police department met with their leadership weeks prior to the party. They were willing to work with us to reduce the likelihood of any serious incidents happening. The department committed resources to be available in the area of the party in case something did happen. The Hells Angels were involved in a large shootout in Laughlin, NV recently with a rival club. We did not want that to happen here. There was a large police presence in the area of their party and there were only a few minor problems. They knew we were prepared for any problem that might happen. Because of the need for officers to assist with this event, a lot of officers that would normally be available to visit GAIN parties were not available this year. We hope to be out visiting parties next year.

Remember the December Block Captain's Meeting will be here at the Superstition Substation, 2430 S. Ellsworth. It will be an open house and you can drop in during the evening hours and tour the facility. Terri Teten will be giving you specific information on the evening. I look forward to seeing you there.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES FOR WOMEN ONLY



Due to the demand in requests for self-defense courses for women, the Mesa Police Department Crime Prevention Unit has partnered with Mesa Parks and Recreation Department to offer R.A.D. classes. R.A.D. is an acronym for **Rape Aggression Defense**.

R.A.D. combines awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance strategies for women's safety that bridge the gap between traditional crime prevention lectures and basic martial arts courses.

The RAD course objective is to develop and enhance the options of self-defense, so they may become more viable considerations to the woman who is attacked.

The R.A.D. program is designed for women and girls, 16 years and older, with no experience or background in physical skills training. However, minors under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a female parent or guardian. Women with physical limitations can still benefit from the training. To date over 200,000 women from the US and Canada have completed the program.

The classes will meet 2 nights for 4 1/2 hours each night for a total of 9 hours. It is a combination of both classroom and physical instruction. The Parks and Recreation's Time Out publication will carry the schedule. Since we currently have only 3 certified R.A.D. instructors there will be a limited number of students per course. Parks and Recreation will charge a fee for the course.

Watch for the Time Out schedule or call Terri at 644-3692, Lindy at 644-3921 or Holly at 644-2033 for additional information.



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Schedule of Events

November:

19 — 6:00-7:30 pm — Child Safety Program — Police Central Comm. Room
(by Reservation Only, Call Jerry 644-2539)

December:

5 — 6:30-8:30 pm — Superstition Captains Open House & Food Drive
Superstition Substation, 2430 S. Ellsworth

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